

# City of Charleston

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## LAND AREA

Peninsula land area:  
Total City area (excluding water):  
Total City area (including water):

## 2015

approx. 8.0 sq miles  
approx. 112 sq miles  
approx. 131 sq miles

## ANNEXATION

Area Annexed:  
Persons Annexed  
Housing Units Annexed

## 2013

155.93 acres  
75  
64

## 2014

983.35 acres  
55  
26

## CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS

City of Charleston Total Population  
West Ashley  
Peninsula  
James Island  
Johns Island  
Daniel Island/Cainhoy  
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville MSA  
City Racial Breakdown  
  
City Per Capita Income  
City Median Household Income  
City Median Family Income  
City Persons Per Household

## 2000

96,650  
45,954  
35,157  
12,741  
1,676  
1,122  
549,033  
34.0% Black  
63.0% White  
\$22,414  
\$35,295  
\$48,705  
2.23

## 2010

120,083  
54,239  
34,636  
17,847  
5,266  
8,095  
664,607  
25.6% Black  
68.6% White  
\$30,763  
\$49,448  
\$67,400  
2.18

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census data & American Community Survey data)

## POPULATION ESTIMATES

City of Charleston Total Population  
West Ashley  
Peninsula  
James Island  
Johns Island  
Daniel Island/Cainhoy

## 2014

128,700  
58,207  
35,398  
18,721  
6,293  
10,081

## 2015

133,579  
59,889  
35,882  
20,247  
7,116  
10,445

(Source: City of Charleston building permit and annexation data)

## BUILDING PERMITS (residential)

Total Single & Multi-Family Unit Permits Issued  
West Ashley  
Peninsula  
James Island  
Johns Island  
Daniel Island/Cainhoy

## 2013

1,569  
744  
129  
69  
190  
437

## 2014

2,580  
873  
264  
812  
437  
194

(Source: City of Charleston building permit data)